

REMARKS

Applicants elect for further examination the claims of Group 1, i.e., claims 1-15 and 24-30, drawn to a crosslinked polyether and method preparation. Applicants make the election without traverse.

Applicants make the election with no admissions as regarding the Examiner's allegations regarding a shared special technical feature.

Applicants believe that the foregoing is fully responsive to the outstanding Official Action including the restriction and the election of species requirement. If, however, the Examiner believes that any further information or election is required, the Examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' attorney at the number provided below. Such informal communication will expedite examination and disposition of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

BUCHANAN INGERSOLL & ROONEY PC

Date: 22 December 2008

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T.D. Boone". The signature is written in a cursive, stylized font. The "T" and "D" are large and prominent, with the "B" and "oone" following in a more fluid, connected script.

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